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In re Application of :
Fukunaga, Atsuo F. :
Serial No.: 10,777,772 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: February 12, 2004 :
For: Breathing Circuits Having Unconventional:
Respiratory Conduits and Systems and Methods:
For Optimizing Utilization of Fresh Gases :

This is in response to applicants' petition filed August 26, 2004 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the age of the applicant.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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